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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**EDUCATION AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) AND THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR/UCLA MEDICAL
CENTER AND OLIVE VIEW/UCLA MEDICAL CENTER -
(2nd and 5th Districts) (3 Votes)**

Bruce A. Chernof, MD
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William Loos, MD
Acting Senior Medical Officer

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and instruct the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to sign the attached Education Affiliation Agreements between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the County of Los Angeles Harbor/UCLA Medical Center (H/UCLA MC) [Exhibit I] and Olive View/UCLA Medical Center (OVMC) [Exhibit II] to allow VA residents to receive training toward the completion of their residency programs, under the direct supervision of County physicians, effective upon Board approval until termination by mutual consent of both parties, or by written notice to either party six months in advance of the next training rotation, with no direct exchange of money between the parties.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The purpose of the recommended action is to allow Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) residents to receive training toward the completion of their residency training program in the fields of Internal Medicine at H/UCLA MC and Cardiovascular Disease, Endocrinology, Infectious Diseases, Internal Medicine, Psychiatry and Forensic Psychiatry at OVMC. The VA residents receiving training toward the completion of their residency training programs at H/UCLA MC and OVMC will be under the direct supervision and instruction of Los Angeles County (County) physicians, at no cost to the County.

The recommended Agreements will benefit the County by permitting the VA residents to assist in providing patient care to County patients under County supervision at each respective facility.



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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENT:

For a number of years, the County has entered into Affiliation Agreements with a variety of educational institutions. The agreements are intended to allow the students to obtain observational and practical clinical experience in County facilities. The County benefits from receiving the assistance of additional personnel in the provision of patient care at no cost to the County. The County has entered into similar Agreements with the U.S. Departments of the Navy, Air Force, Army and the VA involving training in various fields and at various County facilities.

The term of these Agreements will be effective upon Board approval until termination by mutual consent of both parties, or by written notice by either party six months in advance of the next training rotation. The Chief Executive Officer at H/UCLA MC and OVMC, respectively, is accountable and responsible for oversight of the affiliation agreements.

The VA residents who will be trained at H/UCLA MC and OVMC will be under the direct supervision and instruction of County physicians. The VA residents will adhere to all applicable County rules and regulations and will be provided with the required information regarding the County's Risk Management Program.

The VA residents assigned to H/UCLA MC and OVMC will be prohibited from receiving any payment other than VA pay and allowances.

The County will provide personal liability protection to VA residents while the residents are under the direct supervision and instruction of the County physician. The liability provisions of the Agreements with H/UCLA MC and OVMC have been approved by the Chief Administrative Office, Risk Management Operations.

The Agreements do not include the usual County provisions because the VA required the use of its federal Agreement format as a condition for rotating the VA residents. The VA Agreement format has previously been approved for rotations at Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center.

Attachment A provides additional information.

County Counsel has approved Exhibits I and II as to use and form.

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CONTRACTING PROCESS:

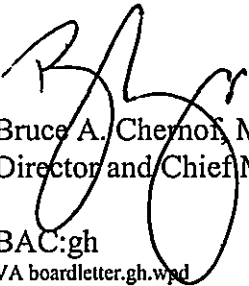
It is not appropriate to solicit a resident rotation affiliation agreement.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

H/UCLA MC and OVMC will benefit by having VA residents assist in providing patient care to County patients.

When approved, this Department requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,



Bruce A. Chernof, M.D.
Director and Chief Medical Officer

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Attachments (3)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

SUMMARY OF AGREEMENT

1. **TYPE OF SERVICE:**

Medical Residency Training at Harbor/UCLA Medical Center and Olive View/UCLA Medical Center.

2. **AGENCY ADDRESS AND CONTACT PERSON:**

VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
11301 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90073
Telephone: (310) 478-3711
Attention: Arthur H. Friedlander, DMD
Associate Chief of Staff/Education

3. **TERM:**

The term of these two Agreements will be effective upon Board approval until termination by mutual consent of both parties, or by written notice by either party six months in advance of the next training experience.

4. **FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

There is no cost to the County.

5. **ACCOUNTABLE FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION:**

Tecla Mickoseff, Chief Executive Officer, Harbor/UCLA Medical Center

Melinda Anderson, Chief Executive Officer, Olive View/UCLA Medical Center

6. **APPROVALS:**

Acting Senior Medical Director: William Loos, M.D.

Finance: Gary W. Wells, Director

Contracts and Grants Division: Cara O'Neill, Chief

County Counsel: Elizabeth Friedman, Senior Deputy